



19 January

HSZC Sangha Newz' & Events 2016



mondays
 * 7:00 am zazen (sitting meditation)
 * 7:40 am morning service - (chanting service)

6:00 pm zazen
 6:40 pm evening chanting service

* last monday of each month, no morning schedule



Practicing Together as a Gay Couple



...Is there an invitation intrinsic to Buddhism that beckons two gay men or women to a mutual lifelong dance?

For that matter do the words "gay-Buddhist-couple" carry associative significance?

Asking the question I eventually came to appreciate the ways in which this path has shaped our lives. When people take Refuge in the Buddhist Precepts, Mahayana and Vajrayana vows..., they step onto paths that affect every moment of the rest of their lives.

So seriously!? Delicious humor and irony in infect "the whole catastrophe"...

[Queer Dharma vol 1 Michael C Hymen](#)

tuesdays - fridays

6:00 am zazen
 6:40 am kinhin (walking meditation)
 6:50 am zazen
 7:20 am chanting service
 7:40 am soji (brief temple cleaning)

6:00 pm zazen
 6:40 pm chanting service

thursdays study hour
 (buddhist text) 7:30pm

saturdays

6:30 am zazen
 7:10 am chanting service
 7:25 am soji
 8:30 am drop-in instruction
 9:25 am zazen
 10:15 am dharma talk
 11:00 am refreshments/social *

* if a ceremony applies it will occur before social time



[Steve Abbott](#) hszc sangha member & poet, & daughter Alyisa- 1976

~ upcoming events ~

dharma talks @10:15am, saturdays

hszc speakers

Myō Lahey - Jan 23 Feb 6, 13, 20...

Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock - Jan 30, TBD

guest speakers

Shokan Jordan Thorn - feb 27; **Anshi Daigi Zachary Smith** - mar 5; **Peter Van Der Sterre** - March 12; **Kogen Seido Jamie Howell** - apr 16; **Kyosho Valorie Beer** - may 28; **Anshi Daigi Zachary Smith** - jun 4; **Ko Shin Steven Tierney** - jul 2; **Peter Van Der Sterre** - jul 30; **Renshin Bunce** - aug 6; **Shokan Jordan Thorn** - sept 24; **Ko Shin Steven Tierney** - dec 17;



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full moon ceremony Sat; Jan 23rd 11am - the "full wolf moon" This full Moon appeared when wolves howled in hunger outside the villages. It is also known as the Old Moon. To some Native American tribes, this was the Snow Moon, but most applied that name to the next full Moon, in February.

study hour - thursdays @7:30pm: selected Studies of Zen Master Dōgen. see our website for details. So far all have been from the Dōgen Shobōgenzo version compiled and translated by [Kazuaki Tanahashi](#).

Koso gotan-e - observed - Jan 23rd

January 26th is the **birthday of Dogen** (the Founder of Soto Zen). Dogen was born in Kyoto on January 2nd (January 26th in the solar calendar).

half day retreats - **contact:** hszc108@yahoo.com to register, we will begin to have half day retreats primarily aligned with full moon ceremony or other Buddhist holiday/events. 6am to 1pm, oryoki breakfast - current scheduled dates include:

- **feb 20, 2016**
- **apr 9, 2016**
- **jun 18, 2016**

Chinese new year! Saturday, Feb 6th @11am (we observe) [Chinese New Year](#) décor, treats and the symbolic call to our deceased loved ones, followed by offerings to make their current state a more enjoyable one and just remember them and send loving intentions through joss paper offerings.

It is also the event we recognize our completed goals and wishes by offering our [Daruma](#) to the beyond in the joss paper fire and installing a new Daruma by coloring in one eye as setting the goal (traditional Daruma process).

closure & schedule changes:

last monday of each month - no morning program, only evening [schedule](#)
monday feb 15 - closed all day, Presidents' day

founder monthly memorials - [Issan's](#) is the 6th of each month and [Philip's](#) is the 26th (or closest dates to these if cant be on that day) evenings at 6:40pm or saturday mornings

practice discussions at hszc are available with Rev. Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock, and **Dokusan with Rev. Myo Lahey** please call us, approach them directly, or email:hszc108@yahoo.com to request to schedule time.

words transcribed by sangha, spoken by our Abbot Rev Myo Lahey

One of the challenges in Zen practice in some ways there's so little to it. People have said really all you can do all beings can do with or for one another is walkthrough birth and death together that's really all. But that is so bleak and that there is so little there to derive solace from we gussie it up. We really do... It raises the question "what is essential?"... I was wondering about this "what is essential" and in so doing I ran across a story in our voluminous Zen literature involving Master Linji (ch) or Rinzai (jp) as some of you know this as perhaps pardonable inaccuracy of the Soto school of Zen and then there is the other guys, the Rinzai school and that's less meaningful of a distinction than it might appear, but in any case that progenitor of that school is Master Linji or Rinzai and there is a story of where he speaks of what is essential although in a kind of odd way.

As I was thinking about this turning or churning this story and knowing this talk was coming up... there was an assembly except the Chinese style where the speaker was seated and everybody else had to stand. And Dogen by the way brought this Chinese style of address to his monasteries in Japan... and as Master Linji was sitting there one of the monks stepped out into the *line of fire* so speak... This monk says "what is the first statement?" and Linji peers at him and says "when the seal of the three essentials is lifted, the vermilion stamp is sharp there is no room for conjecture, host and guest are sharply discerned." So there's the monk and everybody is looking at him and so he is looking at him and he is standing there and he is feeling a little awkward by some time he says "what is the second statement?" <laughter> and Linji is warming to his task and he says "how could Manjushri permit the questions of Wu Jo, how could skillful means permit the activity that cuts off the flow?" and the monk in his mind I think is shrinking and shrinking and so he says "what is the third statement?" and Linji says "look at the puppets performing on the stage, their every move is directed by the one in the back." So at this point the monk slinks back into the assembly without saying anything. And Linji then says each statement must contain the three mysterious gates and each gate must comprise the three essentials, there is skillful means and there is activity. How do you people understand this and then he got down and went to his chamber.

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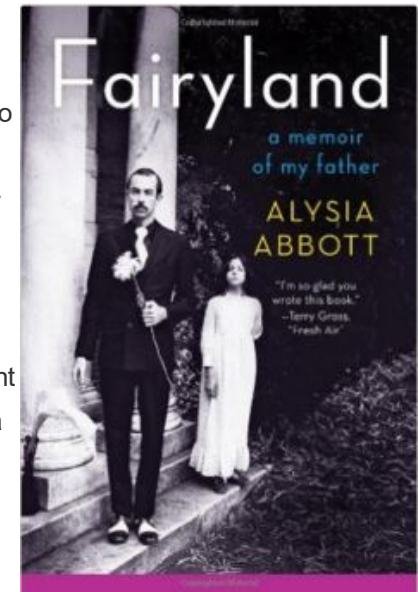
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A beautiful, vibrant memoir about growing up motherless in 1970s and '80s San Francisco with an openly gay father.

After his wife dies in a car accident, bisexual writer and activist Steve Abbott moves with his two-year-old daughter to San Francisco. There they discover a city in the midst of revolution, bustling with gay men in search of liberation—few of whom are raising a child.

Steve throws himself into San Francisco's vibrant cultural scene. He takes Alysia to raucous parties, pushes her in front of the microphone at poetry readings, and introduces her to a world of artists, thinkers, and writers. But the pair live like nomads, moving from apartment to apartment, with a revolving cast of roommates and little structure...



HIV meditation group; weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us!

thursdays & fridays
10:30am zazen
11:00am garden socializing

meditation in recovery; weekly meditation group for men & women in recovery from addiction
fridays, 7:30pm - 9pm

(women only) meditation in recovery; monthly meditation group for women in recovery from addiction
first thurs, 7:15pm - 8:45pm

(men only) meditation in recovery; a monthly meeting for men in recovery from addiction
3rd thurs of every month, 7:30pm-8:30pm

board of director meetings; you're invited to attend & observe!
second weds of each month, 7:30pm

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